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DA 10-404

Mark Sheppard
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Dear Mr. Sheppard:

This letter grants your request, dated March 2, 2010, on behalf of the City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management (the City) for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers during upcoming government emergency drills.

In your request, you state that the City will be holding monthly radio-check disaster preparedness drills on March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The drills are conducted on a regular basis to test and confirm communication channels and equipment that resides in a number of health care facilities, public health offices, and educational and other institutions. The drills will be held at various locations in King County.

Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.113(a)(3), prohibits amateur licensees from transmitting communications in which they have a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. You therefore request a waiver of this rule to permit the following amateur licensees who are City employees to transmit communications on behalf of their employer in connection with these exercises: Ken Conradi, KF7FDN; Steve Monsey, N0FPF; Laurel Nelson, KE7DQA; Mark Sheppard, N7LYE; and Ned Worcester, KB7NFO. You also request a similar waiver for amateur licensees listed in your request who are employees of other entities participating in these drills, mostly health care facilities, to transmit on behalf of their employers in connection with these exercises.¹

Section 1.3 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, provides that the Commission may waive its rules if good cause for waiver is shown. We conclude that grant of the waiver request is appropriate under the circumstances presented. The public interest in facilitating the March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16, 2010, public safety exercises by permitting the specified amateur licensees to participate warrants this limited waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3). This waiver grant permits transmission of communications by the amateur licensees listed in your request on behalf of their employers during the March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16, 2010, exercises, and immediately prior to the exercises for the purpose of operational testing of equipment.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management, dated March 2, 2010, IS GRANTED.

¹ The request, including the entire roster, is set forth in the Commission's Universal Licensing System as an attachment under each of the licenses listed above.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

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